

# GERMAN FRONT IS SWEEPED AWAY

## KAISER'S FORCES LIKE STRAW BEFORE THE WIND AT VERDUN

## ADAMSON LAW IS A GOLD BRICK, SAYS WICKERSHAM

French Army Strikes Like Lightning and the Result is Most Brilliant.

**SMASHING BLOW SOON**  
German Trench after Trench is Swept over by the French Waves.

PARIS, Oct. 25.—The Germans made a counter attack north of Verdun last night in an effort to regain the ground won by the French yesterday. They attempted to recapture the Haumont quarries and the Wam-loup battery. The war office announces that in both cases they were repulsed. The French gains were maintained. The German officer in command at Fort Douaumont is among the prisoners taken.

PARIS, Oct. 25.—Verdun, long lost sight of, came suddenly and unexpectedly today in the forefront of the public mind which exclusively had been directed toward the battle of the Somme. The German front on the right bank of the Meuse literally was swept away for a distance of four and a half miles like straw before the wind.

General Neville for weeks past had been watching the German movements like a lynx, carefully calculating the effect of every withdrawal of troops for transfer to the Somme and eastern front. At the same time he quietly made his preparations and when he judged the Germans had thinned their defenses to the danger point he struck like lightning. The result was one of the most brilliant operations of the campaign.

The Germans who yesterday were pressing close on the inner lines of defense at Fort Suville and Tannenberg have now been driven beyond the outer defenses of the Fort Douaumont-Vaux line. Vaux fort remains in possession of the Germans, but the French line extends beyond it on the north at Vaux village and Fumil wood and also on the south of it at Damloup battery and Cheneils wood from both of which positions it can readily be attacked.

The French artillery preparation was brief but intense and was over before the German commanders had time to bring up reinforcements even if they were available. The assaulting French waves caught them before the Germans recovered from their surprise and swept over trench after trench.

French losses were very light, it is believed, even lighter than any recorded in the attacks on the Somme front.

News of the success has caused tremendous public enthusiasm here and this is all the greater because of the greater impression that Verdun was over and done with and that both sides were contenting themselves with holding what they had won. Today's operations proving that the French could strike a smashing blow at Verdun while carrying on an extended offensive on the Somme has greatly increased public confidence and gone far to lessen the depression caused by the loss of Constanza.

**TEUTON'S IRON GRIP BECOMES TIGHTENED**

LONDON, Oct. 25.—The iron grip of the Central powers on Roumania has tightened in two important notches with the capture of Medjidia and Rasova in Dobruja and of Predal on the on the Transylvanian border. The conquest of these important places was achieved with surprising speed.

Military men as usual refuse to prophesy as to other developments of the campaign against Roumania but appear confident that all will come in due time.

**GERMAN STATEMENT OF WAR OPERATIONS**

BERLIN, Oct. 25.—The war office announced today that an attack made on the Verdun front by the French Tuesday gained ground for them. French assaults on the Somme front were without success.

Vulcan pass on the Transylvanian front has been captured by General von Falkenhayn's army, the war office also announced.

In Dobruja pursuit of the Russians and Roumanians continues. Tchernavoda was captured this morning, depriving the Russians and Roumanians of their last railroad communication.

**DANUBE TOWN IS EVACUATED BY RUSS**

PETROGRAD, Oct. 25.—The Roumanians and Russians have evacuated the Danube town of Tchernavoda in Dobruja, the war office announced today. The statement says Field Marshal von Mackensen's army is continuing its attack all along the Dobruja front. The Russo-Roumanian positions at Lake Tschaul, near the Black sea coast about twelve miles north of Constanza, also has been evacuated.

**FORM JUNCTION.**

PARIS, Oct. 25.—Italian cavalry and artillery from the Entente forces on the Macedonian front, it was announced today,

**MATCH FAMINE.**  
(BY ASSOCIATED PRESS)  
NEW CASTLE, Pa., Oct. 25.—A serious scarcity of safety matches is threatened here owing to the inability of manufacturers to import the chemical substances used in making the match tips and also the mixture for the rubbing surfaces, according to local cigar dealers. The stock in New Castle is nearly exhausted and dealers say it will be impossible to get further supplies of matches.

**VICTORY**  
In This State for the Republican Party Greater Than Ever Robinson Says.

WELLSBURG, Oct. 25.—Judge Ira E. Robinson, Republican nominee for governor, arrived here this morning to attend the Brooke county barbecue. He was full of confidence after completing a tour through the counties in the lower end of the state and declared that the Republican party in his opinion would win a greater victory in West Virginia this year than ever.

There is no doubt that Robinson has made wonderful gains over his opponent within the last two weeks. Straw votes taken during the last week in Logan, Kanawha, Mercer, Roane and other counties in that section indicate that he will not only get all the Republican votes there but that he will get more than the usual majority. Last night the judge addressed the biggest political meeting ever held in the town of Reedy, Roane county.

**HIGHWAY ROBBERY**  
Of Braxton County Farmer is Charged against Negress, Who is Jailed.

Accused of grabbing Jesse Sharp, a Braxton county farmer, around the arms and pulling a roll containing \$50 in currency from one of his pockets, Ada Brown, a negress, is a prisoner in the county jail awaiting a trial before Magistrate William E. Starcher. Another negress, who is accused of helping Ada hug and rob the farmer, is being sought by officers.

The alleged hold-up occurred in a dark alley off Clark street as Sharp was hurrying to the railroad station to catch a train back home after having visited a sick relative in a hospital here. London L. White, special constable, arrested Ada not long afterward.

**NO SALE LIMIT**  
All Restrictions Are Removed for Bargain Affair at Local Rexall Store.

Through an oversight, Sturm and Wilson, proprietors of the local Rexall drug store, failed to mention in its advertising matter the removal of the purchasing limit for the one cent sale to be held the last three days of this week at their store.

Last year, the privilege of purchasing only two articles of the same kind, one for the regular price and the second one for one cent, was extended to purchasers at a similar one cent sale. This year, however, the limit is removed altogether. Any purchaser may make as many double purchases as he or she sees fit. The stock for the special sale was bought by the management with that in view, it being the idea to move as much of it as possible for the purpose of introducing Rexall supplies.

**DR. KYLE DEAD**

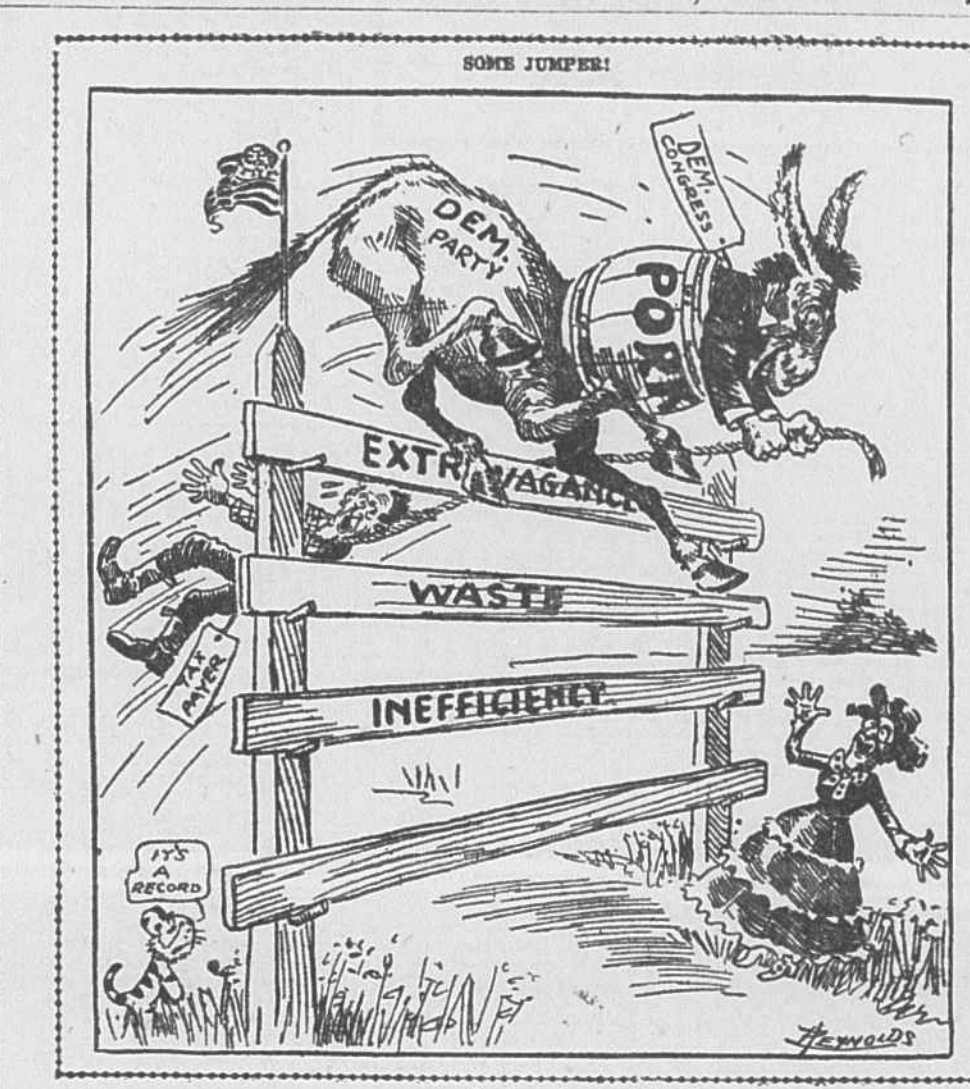
Nose and Throat Specialist, Well Known Here, is Taken by the Great Healer.

Announcement is made of the death of Dr. B. Kyle, noted nose and throat specialist, in Philadelphia Monday, following an illness of only five days. His age was 53 years.

Dr. Kyle had forty or more patients here when he died and he formerly came here from time to time to give treatment in special cases. He was well known by local physicians and was a member of the West Virginia Medical Society. He was a classmate of Dr. W. P. Goff in the Jefferson Medical College.

**COTTON HIGH.**

NEW YORK, Oct. 25.—Cotton in the future market sold today at twenty cents a pound, the May option rising twenty-two points to 20.01, the highest price it has touched since the Civil war.



Cartoon by REYNOLDS in Portland Oregonian.

**CAR SHORTAGE**

On Local Division is Charged against B. and O. by Coal Operators' Association.

Alleging that the Baltimore and Ohio railroad has unintentionally fallen behind about 5,000 coal cars of the number it is supposed to furnish this division, the Central West Virginia Coal Operators' Association at a meeting held here late yesterday petitioned the railroad to give it a report on the matter within ten days. The association wants the situation fully investigated. It has a committee at work on this problem with instructions to keep at the railroad until it is settled.

Other matters pertaining to conditions in the trade were discussed at the meeting but no other action was taken save the transaction of routine business.

**RICHARDSON**

Arrested When He Appears in Court to Furnish Bond for His Son-in-Law.

When Ted Richardson appeared in Magistrate Jackson V. Carter's court Tuesday evening to furnish bond for Audra Booth, his son-in-law, who had been arrested that evening by Deputy Sheriff Laco M. Wolfe on a charge of violating the prohibition law, Deputy Wolfe arrested Richardson on a similar charge and placed him in the county jail. Audra Booth was released from custody and Wednesday morning secured bond for his father-in-law.

After placing Richardson in jail Deputy Wolfe secured a search warrant and accompanied by J. Walter Bee, deputy prohibition commissioner, and Constable R. J. Bartlett, visited the Booth home in Glen Elk where forty or fifty pint bottles of liquor were found.

The warrants for both Booth and Richardson were sworn out in Magistrate W. E. Starcher's court and Booth will be given a trial or hearing at 9 o'clock Saturday morning. Richardson's trial has not been set.

**AERIAL BATTLE**

Is Fought between French and Austrians, in Which the Austrians Lose.

ROME, Oct. 25.—Squadrons of Italian and French seaplanes bombed Austrian military works in three places on the west coast of Istria and escaped unscathed, says an official statement of the Italian war office today. An aerial battle between the French hydro-aeroplanes and Austrian seaplanes, in which one of the Austrian planes was captured and another fell into a lagoon on the Italian coast near Caorle, also is reported. The Austrian squadrons has been throwing bombs on Caorle.

**SIREN HORN MEANS FIRE.**

S. R. Huffman, chief of the Clarksburg fire department, has had the automobile fire truck at the Central station equipped with a siren signal horn. It makes a very loud noise, which can be heard for blocks. Whenever the truck makes a run to a fire hereafter the siren horn will be used, so those who hear it may be informed that speed and right of way are desired. Whenever the truck is taken out on an inspection trip, or for practice, the bell will be used as a warning signal only.

**WOMEN ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR CRUSADE**

Against Smoke According to Osborn Monnett of the City of Chicago in Speech.

PITTSBURGH, Oct. 25.—Women are responsible for the crusade against smoke according to Osborn Monnett, former smoke inspector of Chicago, in a speech here today in connection with the Smoke Abatement Week celebration.

"In each city in this country," said Mr. Monnett, "in which a vigorous campaign is being carried on against the smoke nuisance, you will find that the movement was inaugurated by women."

"There are very good reasons why women should be interested in the smoke abatement movement. The biggest industry in the country is not steel, nor automobiles nor moving pictures, but housekeeping. More money is spent in housekeeping than on any two of the big industries of the United States. Yet very little united effort is made in the cities to prevent destruction of this great industry by smoke and dirt."

"An average taken of the damage done by smoke in Chicago, Cincinnati, Buffalo and Cleveland shows that the per capita cost is nearly \$12, or about \$60 per year per family. The smoke investigation of the Mellon Institute figures that the per capita cost of the smoke nuisance in Pittsburgh was about \$20, or \$100 per family. What family in your knowledge is able to spend this amount for damage done by smoke and dirt?"

**BURNED TO DEATH.**

CONNELLSVILLE, Pa., Oct. 25.—John Wilkins, 70 years old, mail carrier of Caselman, was burned to death in his bed about 9 o'clock Wednesday morning.

**FUNERAL**

Services over the Body of Alice Eleanor Morgan Will Be Held Thursday Afternoon.

Funeral services over the body of Alice Eleanor Morgan, eleven years old, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John T. Morgan, of 328 Lee street, who died at 7 o'clock Tuesday evening following a lingering illness, will be held at 2 o'clock Thursday afternoon at the home and the burial will be in the Masonic cemetery.

The child's health began to fail several months ago but she had been bedfast for only six weeks. Alice Eleanor was a favorite with all her school mates and children of the Baptist Sunday school class of which she was a member and her bright and smiling face will be greatly missed by her friends. Being the youngest member of a large family, she was also a favorite with her parents and brothers and sisters, who, while her death was not unexpected were greatly shocked when the death angel entered their home and took their sister to the great beyond.

Surviving relatives of the deceased child are her parents, Mrs. W. O. Mittendorf, Mrs. Ule Jarvis, Misses Dortha, Agnes and Sue Morgan, sisters, and William and Thomas Morgan, brothers, all residents of this city.

**DESERTING PARTY**

Cornwell is Trying to Make It Appear He is Non-Partisan Candidate.

CHARLESTON, Oct. 25.—John J. Cornwell is no longer conducting his campaign for governor as the nominee of the Democratic party. His nomination at the hands of the Democratic party has practically been abandoned and he is seeking the governorship as a non-partisan candidate. Cornwell comes to Charleston to speak Wednesday night and his meeting here has been extensively advertised as a non-partisan meeting. Every effort is being made to hide the partisan feature of his candidacy and his managers, seeing the hopelessness of the cause, so far as Democracy is concerned, are now engaged in appealing to the people in his behalf as a non-partisan candidate.

However, this does not seem to be very satisfactory to the old line Democrats in this section who bitterly resent every effort on Cornwell's part to make the most of his situation as the nominee of the Democratic party for the governorship.

**WARRANT DISMISSED.**

A peace warrant against Ada Marshall, colored, which was sworn out by Mrs. Eliza J. Howell, of Northview, was dismissed by Magistrate Jackson V. Carter Tuesday evening when the prosecuting witness failed to prove her charge.

**THE GREAT QUESTION.**

The great question is whether we shall have real, enduring prosperity when the abnormal demand created by the European war is over. You cannot base American prosperity upon a European war. You have got to have a basis for your prosperity in policies that will build up and conserve American industry. I stand for the protection of American industry. Millions of men now in the trenches of Europe will one day come out of the trenches and go back to work. The nations on the other side are each thoroughly organized. Unless we adopt a policy of protection for our industries and labor I see infinite trouble ahead in blighted prospects for labor, in disappointed enterprise, in serious disturbance of industry. We must by an American policy of protection lay such a basis for American trade that our factories can be kept going and our men at work at full time and at fair wages. —CHARLES E. HUGHES.

**CAMPAIGN**

Will Practically Come to Close on Saturday before the Day of Election.

Although a few speeches will be delivered on Monday before the election, the Republican campaign in West Virginia will practically be closed on Saturday evening, November 4, with a flood of oratory in every county in the state. At least 100 speeches will be delivered in as many towns and cities.

To date only two speeches have been scheduled for Monday evening, one by Governor H. D. Hatfield and the other by Judge Ira E. Robinson, nominee for governor. The governor will speak in McDowell county and Judge Robinson at Martinsburg.

Some of the most prominent speakers who will be heard Saturday evening, November 4, and the places at which they will speak are as follows: Samuel B. Montgomery in Preston county; Congressman-at-large Howard Sutherland, nominee for United States senator, at Benwood; Governor H. D. Hatfield in McDowell county; former Governor A. B. White at Morgantown; J. G. Vaughn in Mingo county; and Arthur Dayton and J. B. Ware in Barbour county.

**EXPLOSION**

Of a Bomb or Dynamite at Subway Station Does Considerable Damage.

NEW YORK, Oct. 25.—Explosion of a bomb or dynamite at the 110th street station of the Lenox avenue subway line early today did considerable damage to that station, smashed the ticket agent's booth, injured the agent slightly, broke the electric lamps and the windows, tore out the sidewalk overhead and broke windows nearby. There was no train at the station at the moment. Traffic was suspended for half an hour as the result of the blast.

**HEARING CONTINUED**

Coroner's Jury Fails to Hear All the Evidence in the Case at First Session.

After hearing the evidence of a large number of witnesses Tuesday afternoon late the coroner's jury which is investigating the death of George Roy Miles, the 12 year old school boy who was run down and killed by an automobile driven by Dominick Burgess Sunday afternoon adjourned until 5 o'clock Wednesday afternoon when the hearing will be resumed. Dr. S. M. Mason, coroner, is conducting the investigation.

Dominick Burgess, who was arrested Monday on a warrant sworn out by Jerry Miles, the boy's father, charging him with murder, was given his freedom Tuesday afternoon by Magistrate T. G. Nicewarner when Frank Cavale and James Burgess went on his bond. The bond was \$3,500.

**YEAR BOOK OUT.**

Copies of the year book of the West Virginia Police Chiefs and Peace Officers Association have been received by local members of the organization. The book is well gotten together and is profusely illustrated. Among the photographs in the book are those of Chief of Police Harry L. Brock of this city, who is president of the organization, and W. V. Gurs, local sanitary officer, who was formerly assistant secretary of the association.

Former Attorney General Shows How Wilson Has Duped Railroad Men.

**ADDRESSES GREAT CROWD**

Adamson Bill Opens Way for Restoration of the Lobby, He Says.

"How long do you think it would have taken Theodore Roosevelt to stop them?" asked George W. Wickersham, of New York, former attorney general of the United States, of an audience that filled the circuit court room to capacity Tuesday evening, after he had recited how President Wilson had gone to Congress with a plea for hasty legislation in behalf of the railroad brotherhoods, saying that they had refused to arbitrate, had planned a great strike and that he was unable to stop them.

The audience answered the speaker's question with one of the most remarkable demonstrations ever seen in the court house. It cheered, stamped its feet, yelled, clapped its hands and resorted to almost every means known to make a noise. When the noise died down and the demonstration appeared to be over, somebody let out a war wail and its was the story all over again. When, at last, the crowd had quieted, Mr. Wickersham shot this question at his hearers:

"How long do you think it would have taken Charles E. Hughes to stop them?"

The crowd answered this question in the same manner as it did the first one—with wild cheers, yells, hand-clapping and shouts.

Mr. Wickersham told his hearers that in the passage of the Adamson bill "President Wilson has inflicted a great injury upon the cause of labor."

**Restoration of the Lobby.**

"All through the years of our civilization," Mr. Wickersham declared, "it has been our aim to keep these economic questions that affect employer and employee out of the legislature. They are questions for the courts, juries and arbitration boards. When you turn these questions over to the legislature it means the restoration of the lobby with all its sinister influences and uncertain outcome." The speaker added that when the lobby is at work the labor organizations generally get the worst of it.

One of the strongest points in Mr. Wickersham's denunciation of the Adamson bill was his declaration that under its terms "a locomotive engineer or trainman who today receives a full day's pay for a four-hour run may be reduced to one half a day's pay, because he only works one-half of eight hours."

**Many Stand in Aisles.**

Mr. Wickersham, who was in the Taft cabinet, addressed a crowd that packed the court room. Every available seat was taken and many stood in the aisles, including State Chairman Joseph Holt Gaines, who came after the speaking started and took his stand near a window on the west side of the room. Mr. Wickersham proved himself an excellent speaker, and his address no doubt won a great many votes for the ticket. He is one of those kind of speakers, whose number is rapidly increasing, who gives the voters credit for being able to do their own thinking. He abused no one, but merely stated the facts and backed up his assertion with the figures, and, in conclusion told the crowd that he left the decision to the people.

County Chairman Roy E. Parrish called the meeting to order, and Mayor G. H. Gordon, in a few well chosen words, introduced the speaker. Mr. Wickersham opened his address by paying a tribute to Clarksburg and the state.

**Conditions in 1913-14.**

Launching into a discussion of the issues of the campaign, he called attention to the conditions that existed in the nation in the winter of 1913-14, when the Underwood tariff law was in effect, and before the outbreak of the European war. "Operatives were thrown out of employment," he declared, "railroad sidings were crowded with empty and unused cars, and the large cities were filled with the destitute and unemployed." He told

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**TWO ARRESTS MADE**

As a Result of a Free-for-All Fight in a Norwood Restaurant.

Resulting from a free for all fight which occurred in a Norwood restaurant recently John A. Murray and Homer Otterman were arrested by Constable R. J. Bartlett Tuesday evening and were tried in Magistrate Jackson V. Carter's court at 7:30 o'clock Thursday evening. Murray was arrested on a warrant sworn out by Otterman charging him with being drunk and disorderly in the restaurant and Otterman was arrested on a warrant sworn out by Murray charging him with assaulting and beating him.

From what can be learned of the affair Murray entered the restaurant and according to Otterman became noisy and when asked to leave the place refused to do so. In a fight which followed Murray alleges that Otterman struck him with a club, which he produced as evidence.